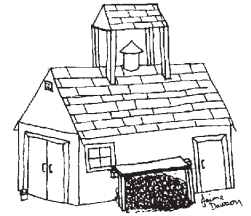


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Act 46

BY SHAUN MURPHY

A law was enacted in July 2015, which will change the governance structure of public schools in the State of Vermont. The reasons that this law was enacted by the legislature are many and the purpose of the law has to do with persistent problems that Vermont faces in the important job of educating its young people. Educating our students is one of the most important tasks our society undertakes. The goal of the law is to bring equity of educational opportunity to all public school students, work that has been ongoing for many years.

For a number of reasons, this goal has become more difficult in recent years. A notable challenge today is a declining student enrollment statewide, and our district is no exception to this reality. This decline has been consistent and there is no indication that it will change in the foreseeable future. It is estimated that this decline statewide will continue at the rate of 2% per year. In the last fifteen years Vermont's student population has gone from a high of 100,000 down to the current level of 80,000. This decline means that the educational cost on a per student basis rises which in turn places a larger burden on property owners, who are responsible for raising the dollars necessary to educate Vermont students. Many in the population are comfortable with this financial obligation, however, there is a growing sector of society that is aging and finds this to be a burden. In addition, there are many younger families facing monetary challenges.

Act 46 attempts to address some of these problems in a number of ways. The ve-

hicle of change in our district would be to consolidate tasks on a unified district level so that both human and physical resources could be employed more efficiently. In the present structure, a teacher or specialized personnel in Guilford cannot be easily shared with another school within the district. But under Act 46 consolidation, if Guilford has a need for an educator to help with a specific educational need and there is a student or students in another town with similar needs, then that teacher's expertise could be shared, which would reduce the financial costs of both schools and the unified district. Last year this formula was followed as special education costs became shared district-wide and the ensuing saving amounted to \$300,000. This model could be replicated district-wide under Act 46's change in governance.

Act 46 provides an incentive to districts to vote to change the current structure. The "Accelerated Path" is one such provision. There will be a vote by Australian ballot between town meeting day and June 30, 2016, by special election, in all towns in the district: Guilford, Putney, Dummerston, Vernon and Brattleboro. The vote will address two issues, #1) do the voters want to pursue the accelerated path of Act 46? #2) the voters will elect one representative to the unified nine-member district board. Brattleboro would have five representatives because of their larger population. This new nine-member board would be the governance structure Pre-K through 12th grade and would convene in 2017. If this ballot question passes in all five towns then this "accelerated path" would become a reality. The law offers an incentive to

districts that vote this year to follow this path. The incentive is in the form of a reduction of state education tax for five years. The incentive would start with a ten cent reduction in the first year, eight cent, six cent, four cent, and two cent in subsequent years. The total savings for the five towns would amount to just under \$3 million over the five-year period.

The question that arises is: "How would the vote in the affirmative change Guilford Central School?" The biggest change would be realized in the spring of 2017. Guilford would have one representative on a nine-member district board. Guilford Central School would have an advisory council made up of citizens of Guilford and the principal of the school. The council would work with the Pre-K through 12th grade representative to bring concerns and ideas to the district board. In a new unified school district, Guilford would benefit from expanded programming that could include a Pre-K classroom in Guilford, expanded after school and summer programming, and shared resources throughout the unified district. Until 2017 there will be no appreciable change to Guilford School.

In conclusion I would advocate the citizens of Guilford to consider voting "yes" on the accelerated path. If all goes as planned there could be greater educational equity within our district coupled with a good possibility for a reduction of educational costs.

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School Board Update

BY THE GUILFORD SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS

2015 was a busy and challenging year for Guilford Central School and the board of school directors. Vermont's new Act 46 mandated local voter decisions about school district mergers and governance, as well as fundamentally altering educational funding and tax laws.

Newly implemented Common Core curricula standards and statewide SBAC testing provided academic challenges for Guilford. Academic achievement will be a continuing focus for the board in the coming year. An academic study committee formed by the board visited other area schools to observe best practices used by schools with high academic results on the SBAC tests, and those who were dealing with high poverty levels.

Low parental attendance at regular board meetings made it difficult to gauge public opinion on these very important topics, though attendance was good when specific issues of interest like after school programming and the need for a paid winter sports director position brought concerned parents in to make presentations.

In order to encourage more people to attend, the Board instituted "Hot Topic" nights, and provided food for attendees. The first Hot Topic Night this year was focused on reviewing the BAMS tuition arrangement, with presentation provided by BAMS administration, teachers, students and parents. Another will be devoted to Act 46.

Welcome news was the continued improvement in Guilford School's climate testing. Through the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program and other strong efforts by staff and the new behavioral support para-educator position, these procedures have produced a positive trend for three years. GCS now has a very high rating by students with regard to school climate.

This year, Guilford Central School was officially accepted as a Title 1 school, yielding increased Federal assistance. The GCS poverty rate exceeded the 50% requirement for funding for the first time, and while it's a disturbing trend for our town, the official recognition does bring some needed financial assistance for the school.

Parents were active this year in promoting the need for an after school program. A pilot program was implemented with cooperation from the Brattleboro school system. And the Board also wishes to thank Maggie Foley for securing a \$10,000 Henderson grant in support of after school programming.

The board reviewed and accepted a proposal by WSESU business manager Frank Rucker to join into contract with a consortium of schools to receive photovoltaic generated power under Vermont's current net metering laws.

The Board contracted to have a wood heat energy study performed for the school, which will determine whether or not wood heating proves feasible for the school. The

audit will provide efficiency data and recommendations that will assist in applying for grants for system upgrades.

The Board awarded the bid for the school lunch program to Café Services. The company has been very responsive in incorporating local produce in the school lunch program.

The board attended the first of its twice yearly, all-day visits to the school in November. Members sit in on classes and solicit teacher and staff feedback and requests.

As town meeting Day approaches, the Guilford school board wishes to express its thanks to the Guilford community for its support of public education, principal John Gagnon, the WSESU administration team, the PTO, and especially the Guilford school staff who teach, guide and nurture our students every school day.

Our board and school would have no purpose, of course, without the students and their families who inspire us with their love of learning and discovery. Because of all of us together, the Guilford Central School is an exceptional place to learn and grow.

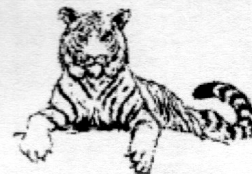
In the coming year, Guilford school board welcomes our community's thoughts concerns and suggestions regarding education at Guilford School and invites you to attend its monthly meetings on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Guilford school..

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Solar Power Options for Guilford Residents

BY DAN INGOLD

Over the last few years, many Guilford residents and even the Fire Department have installed solar power projects to help reduce or eliminate their electricity bills. This winter and spring, there will be several large solar projects being built in Town and people who have heard about these projects are starting to ask about what options they have for solar power, how does it work, and is it really worth it? So for those of you who are interested, here is some background and information.

What are the parts of a solar power system?

The main part of a solar power system is the panel- these are flat rectangles with solar cells mounted in them. The solar cells are interconnected with wiring. The panels are usually about 3 feet by 5 feet in size and weigh around 35 pounds.

The panels are mounted onto a metal frame racking system to hold them in place, and the racks are either mounted to a roof or to posts driven into the ground. The best angle for collecting sunlight is at a tilt between 15 degrees and 35 degrees and facing south.

The electricity produced by the solar power system is in a form called Direct Current, or DC. If your solar power system is hooked into the local power grid run by Green Mountain Power (GMP) the power needs to be changed into Alternating Current (AC) by using an inverter.

The solar power system will generate electricity anytime the sun shines, and if you are connected into the local GMP power grid, it could even move power onto the utility lines even if GMP has an outage. To ensure the safety of workers fixing utility lines, each individual solar power system must have an automatic disconnect switch. This switch shuts off the power connection from your solar power system whenever the local utility line has an outage.

To figure out how much electricity is generated by the solar project, an individual Electric Meter is installed. The meter measures the flowing power and records it in kilowatt-hours (kWh). A kWh is equivalent to the power needed to light ten 100 watt light bulbs for one hour, and GMP charges about twelve to fifteen cents per kWh.

Can I have both solar power and still be connected to Green Mountain Power?

Yes! Vermont has a program called Net Metering that allows you to produce your own solar power and use it while still connected to and using the local electric utility. In fact, GMP will use the new solar power system electric meter to record how much solar power is produced and actually pays you a "solar adder" of about six cents for each kWh during the first ten years of your solar projects operation. So if you have to pay for electricity from GMP it may be twelve to fifteen cents a kWh, but each kWh your solar power system produces is worth about nineteen cents.

Also, if your solar power system produces more power than you need, you can put the extra onto the utility grid, create a credit, and use the power in the future just like with a big battery system.

What if I don't have a roof or land that can handle a solar power project?

You are not alone and you still have an option. Studies by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory show that about 60% of all households do not have a viable roof or land for a solar project.

To ensure that everyone in Vermont has the opportunity to have solar power the state allows Virtual Net Metering. This means that those of us in Guilford can buy into a Community Solar power system anywhere in GMP's service territory (which is most of Vermont). These projects serve a group of residences or even businesses and work by letting you buy specific solar panels within the project, or letting you buy a percentage of the electricity output. Either way the kWh generated each month is reported to GMP and you will be given credit on your bill including the "solar adder". Soveren Solar is currently building a Community Solar project off of Guilford Center Road.

Are there financial incentives for solar power projects?

Yes. If you pay federal taxes you can get a tax credit (right off your tax bill)

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equal to 30% of your installed cost, either for a solar project you own at your home or as part of a Community Solar project. However the solar project has to be up and operating by the end of 2016, so you have about 10 months before this credit goes away.

How much do these systems cost, what is the payback and will it raise my taxes?

The solar power systems costs between \$2.50 and \$4.00 per watt installed. The average house in Guilford would need about 5,000 watts (5 kilowatts) of solar to meet all their electric needs over a year, and some folks just install 2 to 3 kilowatts to help offset their electric bills. This is not cheap, but remember you do not have to pay for fuel; you get a 30% tax credit and the solar adder credit from GMP for every solar kWh generated. Local banks like River Valley Credit Union, Brattleboro Savings, and VSECU will make loans to help pay for the installation.

It usually takes about 8 to 12 years for the solar system to pay for itself, but the equipment should keep producing electricity for the next 25 to 30 years.

Solar power systems of 10 kilowatts or less will not raise your property taxes. Vermont has state rules that ensure they are exempt from municipal property taxes.

What companies do I talk to for more information on moving forward?

Here is a list of folks I know about and there are probably many more.

If you are interested in having a project installed at your home:

Gary MacArthur
email: gwmaca@gmail.com
(802) 257-7026

Integrated Solar Applications
website: Isasolar.com
(802) 257-7493

Soveren Solar
website: Soverensolar.com
(802) 869-2500

Perkins Home Center (David Wirth)
email: dwirth@perkinshomecenter.com
(603) 256-6844

If you are interested in joining a Community Solar project:

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Renovations Progressing at Guilford Country Store

BY FRED HUMPHREY

Friends of Algiers Village Inc. (FOAVI) is continuing its work towards completing the rehabilitation of the Broad Brook House – the home of the Guilford Country Store. The FOAVI goal is to renovate and strengthen the ell and attached shed in the rear of the building to provide for more commercial space, both at ground level and on the second floor. This area has suffered from the same maladies that FOAVI had to deal with in rehabbing the Country Store area: moisture damage, rotting and broken foundations, antiquated wiring and plumbing, and inadequate flooring. It also needs increased fire protection in the form of a comprehensive sprinkler system.

In preparing the space for a contractor, work bees were held in the Fall of 2015 during which Board Members and friends removed crumbling brick and stones from the cellar area. The Guilford firm of Mathes Hulme Builders (who earlier redid the Country Store section of the building) was awarded the contract

to perform the initial phase of reconstruction of the ell area, including the attached “shed”. Long time local residents will remember when a gift shop operated in that section of the building.

At the same time, FOAVI is collaborating with the Guilford Pit Stoppers Snowmobile Club to install an above ground gas tank behind the building to provide fuel for snowmobiles. This, along with the great food offerings in the Country Store, has resulted in reopening many additional miles to the trails that the Pit Stoppers already take care of in Guilford. The store has now been listed on the Vermont snowmobile maps distributed by VAST, (Vermont Association of Snow Travelers). Gas will also be offered in the warm weather months for lawnmower owners and other users of small gas powered machines. In preparation for this development, the Pit Stoppers spent many weekends repairing the existing trails and bridges in town.

The store remains an active and bustling center of the community. Great food offer-

ings and coffee in a cozy and welcoming space keep many residents and visitors alike coming back. The Tessitores (Mark and Suzanne) are working hard to feed and keep the community happy.

FOAVI conducted its annual fund drive this winter and is gearing up for the next stage of our work on the ell. This spring, we will be seeking more grant funds and donations for this next phase of the work. We look forward to the day (hopefully in the near future) when the building is fully occupied and functional, looking beautiful on both the outside and the inside.

FOAVI is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(C)(3) nonprofit. Donations may be sent to the Friends of Algiers Village Inc, 475 Coolidge Highway, Guilford, VT 05301 and are tax deductible.

Winter Season at Leyden Cafe

BY AMY ST. CLAIR

We're in our second season as a community café! Located in the Leyden Town Hall, back entrance, the Leyden Café is open on Sundays, 9 – 11:30 AM.

Cross the state line and join us for an hour on Sunday mornings to chat with friends and neighbors while enjoying Karyn Brown's scones, coffee cakes, and other baked goodies and excellent coffee

from Pierce Bros. If you haven't seen our cozy space yet, come check us out! Take a look at our local crafts and products, including Rhonda's pottery, Ed's maple syrup and Marie's antiques.

Our first year was a memorable one with the Café hosting Name nights, Market Days, cultural events, and concerts, in addition to town meetings, Council on Ag-

ing presentations and our regular weekly hours. We plan to continue and expand our offerings this coming year. More people make for better conversation! Movie Night was featured in January and Game Night will be on February 19th at 6 PM. We hope to see you there.

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Building Community, One Step at a Time

BY BOBBIE FITCH HAUMANN AND SARA COFFEY

Since last spring when we reported on discussions concerning the future of the Grange Hall in Guilford Center, there has been much activity behind the scenes. At that time, members of Broad Brook Grange #151, which owns the building, expressed interest in encouraging the efforts of a new charitable organization to renovate the hall and create a community center. In hand with that, the Broad Brook Grange organization itself vowed to continue its vibrant role in the community, from hosting brunches and civic events, to dances and other programs.

Happenings at the hall in recent months prove that the Broad Brook Grange remains very involved in the community. Recent actions include the formation of Guilford Center Stage, which put on two evening productions of Dorothy Canfield Fisher's play "Tourists Accommodated" in October, hosting of a community Thanksgiving potluck with Guilford Cares in November, and holding a supper and dance in December to benefit those affected when an unexpected microburst severely damaged the Clarks' new barn under construction, which raised \$5,499.00. The Grange continues to host the Food Pantry and serves as a polling place and location for numerous meetings of town organizations.

Now, a new non-profit charitable organization has formed—the Broad Brook Community Center Inc. (BBCC)—with a goal of buying the building from the fraternal organization and then renovating it to serve the town for the next 100 years. BBCC has received recognition from Vermont as a charitable organization, has adopted by-laws, and has seated a 12-member Board comprised of a combination of Grange and community members. Its next hurdle: to file the formal application with the IRS to gain federal tax-exempt status. The BBCC will also be discussing with Grange officials what it will take to purchase the building so BBCC can raise funds to preserve and update it to expand its role as a center of activity for the Guilford community.

The three-month Community Visit process facilitated by the Vermont Council on Rural Development during late 2013 in Guilford sparked these developments. During those forums, Guilford residents discussed the town's identity and assets, and drew up and prioritized a list of possible projects to strengthen the community for the future. The redevelopment of the Grange as a community center was the #1 priority selected.

Meanwhile, Broad Brook Grange is committed to retaining its charter as a subordinate (local) entity of the national fraternal

organization. Its members look forward to continuing their programs and anticipate the day when a purchase agreement can be worked out so that BBCC can take on the monumental task of restoring the community landmark, allowing Grange membership to focus more on its mission of encouraging agricultural, civic and cultural events, and less on efforts to maintain the building.

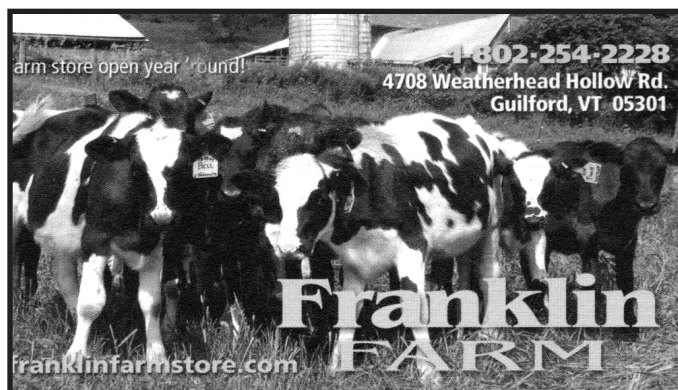
In 2016, the Grange membership has many activities planned. The next two will be:

- Pre-Town Meeting the evening of February 18, giving Guilford residents the opportunity to meet candidates running for town and school board offices and to discuss any issues that may come before voters at Town Meeting
- Sugar-on-Snow Supper on Saturday, March 5, featuring three seatings

We hope you will take part in many of these community activities, and stay tuned as we progress towards revitalizing the Grange Hall as a vibrant center of community activity for the years to come.

Bobbie Fitch Haumann is Master ("President") of Broad Brook Grange #151, and Sara Coffey is Board President of the Broad Brook Community Center.

When it rains, it pours. We received so many articles and photos that there wasn't room to print them all. You'll see them in the May issue.



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Selectboard Update

Town Administrator - The Guilford Selectboard is pleased to announce that Katie Buckley has returned to the position of Town Administrator, a post she last held from May 2008 though November 2014. Residents and Board members alike are pleased that an extended search process was unnecessary and grateful to benefit from the experience and success that she's gained in her prior years of service.

Delinquent tax collection - We are happy to report that the number of tax delinquencies and the amount owed to the Town is decreasing significantly due to the hard work of our Delinquent Tax Collector, Penny Marine, and her staff Peter Hetzel and Elly Majonen. Thanks so much!

Snow removal - This is a reminder for all residents that pushing snow into the town right of way is illegal [23 V.S.A. §1126(a)]. Please don't make our Road Crew's job more difficult.

Selectboard Vacancies - There are two Board seats open this year, one two-year term and one three-year term. If you are interested in serving and did not take out a petition to get on the ballot, there's still time to organize a write-in campaign.

Town Meeting (March 1, 2016) - Generally about 20% of Vermont town voters turn out for the annual Town Meeting. While this looks good in comparison to national voter turnout, it's not great when we remember that this is generally our one opportunity every year to discuss and work as a community on local priorities and legislation. The meeting

has an impact on the quality of democracy in our community for the next 365 days, so please attend. Here are some reasons why you should come:

-Your voice is your vote – only those in the room vote upon articles on the Town Meeting warning.

-You can also vote by Australian ballot while you are there – Town Meeting is held at the Guilford Central School which is also the polling location for items that are voted upon by Australian Ballot (elected officers: Selectboard, Listers, Auditors, School Board, etc.)

-It is a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones.

-Budget discussions are always lively and interesting.

-Articles that were petitioned and added by community members speak to the wonderful volunteer spirit of our active town.

- You might learn something new about Guilford.

-You might learn something new about how your local government works.

-Who is "Robert"??? Find out when the Moderator opens the Town Meeting.

-Break bread with your fellow voters. Marc & Suzanne Tessitore, owners/operators of the Guilford Country Store & Café, will offer a simple, nutritious lunch out of the Guilford Central School Cafeteria for a nominal cost.

Town Report - The Town Report will be mailed to all voters of Guilford prior to Town Meeting. It's a great read! Take a minute to appreciate all the work that Neil Quinn and the Town Auditor team put into its production – working to make it clear,

concise and informative. While it may not be dramatic literature, it IS a terrific guide to how Guilford works, so please, check it out! Crack the cover and inside you will find:

-Links and phone numbers you'll want to know as you go about your daily life as a resident.

-Financial statements for the Town, the Guilford Town School District, the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department and the Guilford Free Library that show how your tax dollars were spent over the course of the last year and how they will be spent in the year to come.

-Reports from all other entities that are supported by our tax dollars.

-The Town Meeting warning that contains the business items (articles) on which only those residents in attendance will be able to vote. The result of these votes will direct the priorities, most of which are financial, of the Selectboard in the coming year.

Green River Bridge Repair - The Selectboard is moving forward with plans for the repair and upgrade of the Green River Bridge during the spring and summer of 2016. Work had been scheduled for the summer of 2014 but the State's decision to reduce the load rating of the bridge from 8 tons to 4 tons required a change of plans. During that summer of 2014, the wing wall on the western side of the bridge was rebuilt. While doing that work, contractors discovered a significant deficiency behind the abutment on the western side. Therefore, we authorized repair of that abutment.

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Town of Guilford Reappraisal

BY THE GUILFORD LISTERS

The Town of Guilford will perform a town wide reappraisal for the preparation of the 2017 Grand List. Data collection and inspections will take place beginning in the spring of 2016. A reappraisal is required to keep the town in compliance with State guidelines and statutes (the State recommends every 6 to 10 years).

• **What is a reappraisal?** A reappraisal is a re-assessment of all of the properties town wide. This involves creation of data tables for interior inspections of properties, new development of land and construction. The goal is to bring all property values to fair market value.

• **When was Guilford's last town wide reappraisal?** 2005

• **What is a CLA?** CLA (common level of appraisal) is an adjustment to listed property values. The state calculates a CLA annually for each town to adjust the listed value of properties to reflect fair market value. The CLA is an adjustment based on statistical analysis of recent market sales in the Town of Guilford (three years of most recent Equalization Studies are used to develop the CLA number). It is not economical to

do a reappraisal every year and the CLA is a statistical adjustment to reflect current market conditions. If the CLA drops below 80% then a town is required to do a town wide reappraisal by Vermont statutes.

• **What is Guilford's CLA?** The CLA for 2016 is 92.86%.

• **What is a COD?** COD (coefficient of dispersion) is a measure of uniformity of appraisal for all properties in a town's Grand List. It measures the average deviation between the selling prices of recently sold properties from the average town-wide level of appraisal. If the COD exceeds 20% then a town is required to do a town-wide reappraisal by Vermont statutes.

• **What is Guilford's COD?** The COD for 2016 is 16.64%.

• **What is the Timeline and Process?**

a. The Listers Office will be overseeing all phases of the project and working in conjunction with the reappraisal firm.

b. The Outreach will begin in early 2016

i. Notice in the Town Report, Town website, Guilford Gazette, Front Porch Forum, notice at Guilford Country Store, other sites as needed.

ii. Public meetings as needed to help answer any questions.

iii. Notices will be mailed in geographic sections of approximately 100 properties each prior to scheduling inspections. (Inspections will start no later than May).

iv. Upon completion of inspections, a summary report of property details will be sent to owners to be reviewed for accuracy.

c. Data entry will be completed, with new construction data and land schedules.

d. Change of appraisal notices will be sent June 2017 and grievance hearings will be held.

e. Grand List filed July 2017

• **How is the Reappraisal funded?** Every year, the State of Vermont allocated \$8.50 for each parcel in town. Currently there is enough funding in Guilford's Reappraisal account to pay for the project without necessitating additional expense to the Town.

• **Who will be performing the Reappraisal?** The Town has contracted an outside company to handle inspections data entry, and the reevaluation process. The Listers will be involved with all aspects of the project.

Selectboard cont

This summer the Town will proceed with the remainder of the work to strengthen the bridge, extend its life span, and regain the 8-ton load rating. The repairs are expected to include replacement of parts of truss members, the deck, and the asphalt shingled roof (with a standing seam metal roof).

The work will begin during the end of May and continue through the summer. This will require the closure of the bridge. Work schedule and closure times will be posted on the bridge, in the papers and on the Town's website. Also be sure to check Selectboard agendas and minutes for updated information.

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Town Meeting Discussion: Guilford's Recreational Programming

BY LISA FORD

Guilford may be seeing a revitalization of recreational programming for all residents beginning next fiscal year, depending on community support at town meeting.

Residents Wendy Stone and Eric Jones have spearheaded discussions with both the Guilford School Board and Guilford Selectboard regarding the extreme lack of organized sports and recreational programming for Guilford youth and adults.

Due to the lack of funding in the school budget, there is currently no sports coordinator position and there has been no after school sports programming for two years. At the same time, Guilford's Recreation Club, which had once maintained a public recreation area at

the fairgrounds, has been inactive for many years due to lack of members.

Wendy and Eric, with the help of a small task force of residents, prepared a proposal that included results from a community wide-survey, as well as a chart comparing the recreational programming and budgets from Dummerston, Putney and Vernon. Their survey supplied results that indicated a desire from town residents to have a paid recreation coordinator, similar to those of Dummerston and Putney. The survey also showed that many residents pay a substantial amount of money for recreation programs outside of Guilford. Many would prefer to pay for programming in Guilford.

From these discussions, the School Board and Selectboard agreed to collaborate their efforts to fund a part-time coordinator who

would work to build an active volunteer recreation board as well as develop programming. The school board has committed \$4,000 in next year's budget. Also, a petition has been submitted to the Selectboard, requesting the town to vote on appropriating \$4,000 to the Guilford Sports and Recreation Committee, at town meeting.

The total of \$8,000, and any other money raised for this cause, will go towards hiring a coordinator for the purpose of jumpstarting a viable recreation program for all Guilford residents. To learn more about the recreational needs of Guilford and to vote on this proposal, attend town meeting on March 1st.

Guilford Fire Department Raffle and Bake Sale

BY WANDA ATOMANUK

The Guilford Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) is attempting to raise funds for the purchase of a Zoll X-Series Cardiac Monitor. The monitor will allow Guilford First Responders to look at the electrical impulses of one's heart, trend vital signs and measure carbon monoxide levels. These readings can be sent in real time to the perpetually staffed Cardiac Care Unit of Dartmouth Medical Center.

A fundraising raffle is being held by GVFD for this special purchase. 100

tickets are being sold for \$100 each. On the second Tuesday of each month, one lucky ticket will be drawn for a prize of \$400. Those who purchase a ticket will be entered into the drawing each month for the year 2016. Each participant will have the opportunity to win multiple times as the ticket will be entered into the drawing each month regardless of winning any of the previous months.

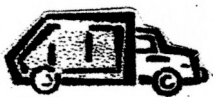
If you are interested in the raffle or to simply make a donation towards the heart monitor, please contact any volunteer of

the Department or call the non-emergency number (802) 254-4413. You can also find GVFD on facebook: Guilford Volunteer Fire Dept., Guilford, Vermont.

The Guilford Fire Department Auxiliary will be holding a bake sale at Town Meeting on March 1, 2016. Hot coffee, tea and cocoa will be available as well as baked goods, donuts and much more. Look to Front Page Forum for updates and the Fire Department web site. See you there.

Congratulations to Peg Curtis for winning the first drawing in the Zoll Monitor raffle!

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Sweet Pond Returns!

BY LINDA HECKER

Sweet Pond will be restored in the summer of 2017. That's the good news from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, & Recreation (FPR).

We heard last year that the dam restoration project had been funded by the Vermont legislature, largely thanks to the tireless efforts of our representative, Mike Hebert.

Now we have a time-table of events: The engineering firm of DuBois & King of Randolph, Vermont has been selected by competitive bid to prepare design and construction documents for the dam reconstruction project. There is an extensive set of State and Federal permits needed to do the work.

January – August, 2016: prepare design documents and obtain permits.

Fall 2016: prepare construction documents, obtain permits if not completed, and assemble construction bid package

Late 2016 - Early 2017: put project out for bid

June – September, 2017: execute construction

Fall 2017: refill the pond!

According to Ethan Phelps of FPR, the state plans recreational enhancements such as instituting a more organized parking area at the car-top boat launch, improving the path to the launch site, and dredging a portion of the pond behind the dam for swimming. In addition, the foot bridge

across the top of the dam will no longer be allowed, so the bridge will be moved a few hundred feet downstream and the trail re-routed.

Ethan asks that if anyone has any specific ideas they would like considered, to please share them now.

The Sweet Pond fund has almost \$7000 to contribute to the project, so if you have good ideas for Sweet Pond of the future, let members of the Steering Committee know. These include Richard Wizansky, Katie Buckley, Verandah Porche, Susan James, Richard Austin, and Linda Hecker (lrhecker47@gmail.com)

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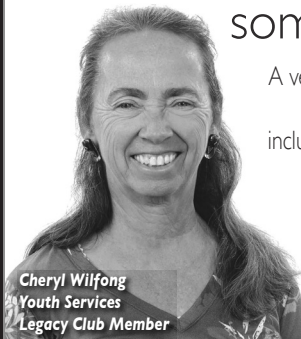
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The Guilford Highway Department: An Interview with Dan Zumbruski

BY HARRY SAXMAN

Dan Zumbruski is both the Road Commissioner and the Road Foreman. Down at the town garage, I asked Dan about how he started working for the town. "I think it was in 1976 - I was milking cows over to Boyd's when Harvey (Cutting) came to me and asked me if I wanted a job. I said, 'I don't know how to run the grader,' and he said, 'Oh sure you do,' — those were his exact words.

"When I first started, it was just me and Harvey, then we hired Reed Cutting. I took the road boss job in '85. Been here ever since. In 1986, I think, is when they started building this town garage. All we had in the old garage was a big

old pot belly wood stove. Not even half of the grader would fit in there, just enough to change the oil. There was no running water, no bathroom down there. When I started, the town didn't even have a dump truck, all we had was the loader and grader. We used Harvey's truck and rented one from LaRocks."

Now we have a heated four-bay garage and three ten-wheel dump trucks which haul sand and gravel in summer, and plow snow and lay down salt on the paved roads and sand on the gravel roads in the winter. There are two smaller dump trucks which plow and sand where the roads and bridges are too small for the big trucks. There is

also a flatbed truck used for dust control in the summer and sanding in the winter. With the four-man crew, it takes 12-14 hours to plow and sand and salt all the roads in town in a normal storm. Bigger storms and ice storms can require the crew to be out for days.

The road crew isn't getting any younger: three are over 60, with two turning 65 this year, and thinking about retirement. Dan has been looking to hire one more person full time right away, and then more to replace the men as they retire. He has been asking local people to apply for the job, but it seems that nobody wants to plow snow anymore.

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Food Access in Guilford

BY HANNA JENKINS

Having access to nutritious food is an increasingly more challenging feat for many people in this world, including residents of Guilford. Here in Windham County, we are blessed by all of the hard working farmers and food producers that strive to feed their families, neighbors and larger community. Unlike many locations, we have a thriving local food economy that is betting to become a deeper part of the Guilford community.

The Buying Club works out of the Guilford Central School via an online ordering system. Twice a month, people can place their orders and pick up locally grown and produced food at the school. Last year, \$12,000 worth of food was sold through the Buying Club, including seasonal produce, local meat, cheese, bread, coffee, not butters, yogurt, etc.

The Buying Club has been integrated into the GSC Farm to School program. The sixth grade class sorts and weighs out the food in addition to writing a monthly newsletter. The newsletter provides information to Buying Club members and highlights Farm to School happenings. Food for the Harvest of the Month school wide taste test is also sourced through the Buying Club. Each month a classroom cooks a seasonal

dish for the whole school. The students then vote on whether they like the dish or not. If the students like the dish, it is added to their lunch menu throughout the month.

Food Connects, a local non-profit organization, supported the operation of a Guilford Local Food Buying Club for four years. However, due to financial limitations, Food Connects can no longer solely support the coordination of the Buying Club. In the new community-supported model, members pay a service fee that is dependent upon their household income. These service fees will go towards the coordination costs of the program, which run about \$200 per buying club or roughly \$3500 for the year. Because members only purchase food when they want, these service fees fluctuate and currently don't cover the cost of operating the program.

This article is an invitation to community members to join the buying club. Over the past four years, the Buying Club has increased access to local food for a diverse group of people. The Buying Club directly supports Guilford farms, in addition to farms in and around Windham County, by purchasing wholesale from Windham Farm and Food. It enhances the Farm to School program. It is a great addition to our community and I'm asking that you support it by becoming a member today. The goal of the Buying Club is to become financially

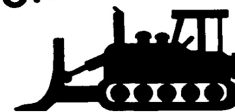
sustainable.

If you already have a source of fresh, local food but would still like to support this community program, please consider making a donation to Food Connects. Your donation can go directly toward the Guilford Buying Club and will help contribute to the overall health of our community.

For more information about the Buying Club, contact Hanna Jenkins at Hanna@FoodConnects.org or (802) 258-8902. You can find more information about the Buying Club on the Food Connects website, www.FoodConnects.org.

Send your Articles and Calendar Contributions by the 1st of April to gazette@guilfordfree.org or Gazette, 4024 Guilford Center Rd, Guilford, VT 05301 to be included in the May Issue.

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Middle Gate Mural Project, Newtown CT

BY SUSAN E. ROSANO, MA

I was contracted by Arts for Learning, a Connecticut agency that books Master Teaching Artists into schools. They asked me to write a proposal to create nine painted murals at the Middle Gate Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, to decorate the newly painted blank white walls of their large cafeteria. They wanted a project in which the entire school could participate to show that, as a community, they are moving on with normal life.

I have been on the teaching artist roster of Arts for Learning for the past ten years as a visual artist and even though I have been a full time resident of Guilford, VT for two years, I still travel to Connecticut for contracted jobs in schools. After the shooting tragedy in Newtown, I vol-

unteered to work with the community on healing arts projects. I was grateful to be asked to work with Middle Gate School, a school that took in Sandy Hook students after the shootings.

In October of 2014, I was notified the school had selected my proposal they would be seeking grants for the project. Grant money was awarded, and the project started in January of 2015. It turned out to be the best thing I did all year!

The first part of the project involved creating themes for the murals and then designing them. The school wanted to use Newtown's Core Character Attributes as themes for each mural. These are: Friendship, Caring, Peace, Love, Hope, Respect, Kindness, Perseverance, and Citizenship.

With the mural themes were established,

I asked the art teacher, Jeanne Walter, to send me student drawings related to each theme. Using them, I could design each mural using student artwork as basic imagery. The student drawings made it easy for me to put together a mural design that would shout each word as a way to live life.

During the winter and spring of 2015, I commuted to Newtown one day a week to work after school with Middle Gate Elementary School students and their families, painting the murals. February 10 was the first session of the school's Community Mural Project. When I arrived each week, I drew the mural design on a backer board with pencil, so the participants would have a basic design to follow. I left lots of room to add their

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The raised funds will help provide a range of necessary items, from uniforms and fire gear to equipment such as fans, lights, hoses, pagers, medical bags and more. Again, many, many thanks to everyone.

Guilford Center Stage Begins Second Season

BY DON MCLEAN

Guilford Center Stage made its debut last October, with its inaugural production of Vermont author, Dorothy Canfield Fisher's comedy, *Tourists Accommodated*. The play included a cast of 22, about half of whom were from Guilford, and was enthusiastically received by full houses at both the performances.

We created Guilford Center Stage, under sponsorship of Broad Brook Grange, to use the small, but charming stage at the Grange for theatrical productions. We are particularly devoted to a "place-based" mission. Our opening show was by a Vermont author, who often visited friends in Guilford. We hope to continue with plays which, in various ways, "belong" in our Grange Hall.

We also have said that we'd like to do more than one show per year. Given the fact that the building is not yet winterized, our "season" extends from late spring to early autumn.

We are now working on plans for 2016, and plan to have two full productions, one in early June, and the other on Columbus Weekend. One of the ways in which we will feature our town in our choice of plays is to perform works of Guilford playwrights, such as Michael Nethercott, whose one-acts open our season.

We also hope to be able to offer a summer theater workshop for young people in our community.

Please watch for upcoming announcements on Guilford's Front Porch Forum and in the Gazette.



(*murals cont*) images and creative designs as the painting progressed.

The first week, I met with about 15 students and their family members to create the "Friendship" mural. As they stood around a table with the first project laid out before them, I explained I had already outlined a drawing and the words, "Be A Friend." The drawing showed people, tall and small, holding hands and smiling. The students, parents, and friends were all charged with painting in the mural. They did a great job!

Most of the students were quick to

pick up a paintbrush and start working on painting a person, the background or to creating designs within one of the letters on the mural. With guidance from the school art teacher or me, each mural became an original design, painted with bright, attractive colors that explain the mural theme through imagery.

Each of the nine murals are now on display in the school's cafeteria. Seven of the murals are 4 by 5 feet and two of the murals are 10 by 10 feet. I was told over 200 people participated during the nine week session. The school, its students and their

families are very proud of them.

In May 2015, as part of this year's Middle Gate Madness event, the murals were unveiled. During the unveiling proceedings, Middle Gate Principal Chris Geissler noted that each mural was designed to feature character attributes, and added that he is excited to share the murals with "our Middle Gate community for years to come."

From "citizenship" to "hope" each mural depicts a different character attribute and a different scene bringing the light of this school community to life.

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How to Meal Plan for the Unpredictable

BY JOANNA WILSON PHILLIPS, CNE

You are awesome. You are a culinary genius, a rockstar with a spatula. You meal plan each week and buy the healthiest, freshest ingredients you can find. You plan and you prep, using all of your culinary and nutrition knowledge to create healthy, delicious meals for you and your family. Pat yourself on the back, my friend...you have got it goin' on!

What about those days, however, when life throws you 17 curveballs and then your car breaks down? What about those days when everyone is running late and eating at a restaurant is simply not an option? What about those days when you have a flare-up of medical symptoms and creating that three-course meal you planned for your family this evening simply isn't going to happen?

I'm Joanna Wilson Phillips, Culinary Nutrition Expert and founder of MenucationKitchen.com, and I'm about to be your BFF for life.

Here are 5 Tips and Tricks to help you Meal Plan for the Unpredictable:

1.) Choose (and Prep) Whole, Unprocessed Ingredients - Aside from the health benefits of eating whole foods, choosing unprocessed ingredients allows you infinite flexibility. A prepped container of deseeded, sliced and diced bell peppers, for instance, can be thrown into a soup, a stir fry, an omelette...the options are endless for all ability levels.

2.) Create Multiple Meal Options Using Key Ingredients - With meal planning it is possible to create multiple recipes from just a handful of healing,

healthy ingredients. These key ingredients can be local and in season, they can be healing for a particular illness or health condition, or they can be your absolute favorite, nutritious foods to eat—like bananas, nuts, and maple syrup, for instance.

3.) Buy Local and In Season - When you create a meal plan using ingredients that are local and in season, it means that most (if not all) grocery stores and markets in your neighborhood will carry the ingredients you need. This is great when you have unexpected visitors or the kids have their friends over for dinner: Indian Veggie Stew for four can easily become stew for eight with a quick stop at any market on your way home from work.

4.) Include Recipes in Your Meal Plan -Uh oh! Dad is running late at work and won't be home until after 7pm! Little Nick has a music lesson at 6.30pm and needs to eat dinner beforehand. Mom is home and has all the ingredients she needs to make dinner for the whole family, but doesn't know where to start. If only Dad had left her a recipe....oh wait! He did! He included all the recipes Mom needs in his weekly meal plan packet so that anyone...even little Nick... can participate in creating a home cooked meal for the family. Thanks, Dad! You rock.

5.) Swap Meals - This may be a no-brainer, but it bears repeating: a meal plan is just that—a PLAN (and you know what they say about "the best laid plans..."). When the unpredictable happens and you're crunched for time, swap out tonight's two-hour Roasted Chicken for tomorrow

night's 30 minute Almond Burger. Trust me, when the family is busy munching away on your seriously yummy creation, no one will even know the difference. Happy Cooking!

Menutation Kitchen Bonus Recipe! *Rustic Salsa*

12 cherry tomatoes, quartered
 ½ red onion minced
 ½ red bell pepper, deseeded and finely chopped
 ½ green bell pepper, deseeded and finely chopped
 ½ to 1 full red chile pepper (to taste), deseeded and minced (omit for mild salsa)
 ¼ cup sun-dried tomatoes, soaked for 20 minutes
 1 tsp raw honey or agave nectar
 1 large bunch cilantro, stems included
 1 tbsp lemon juice
 pinch sea salt
 pinch pepper
 chili or flax oil, to serve

1. Place the cherry tomatoes onion, bell peppers, chili, sun-dried tomatoes, sweetener of choice, lemon juice, and cilantro in a food processor.
2. Pulse a few times until all ingredients are blended and the consistence is chunky. Adjust salt and pepper to taste.
3. Transfer to a serving bowl and place in the refrigerator, covered, for 15 minutes so the flavors can brighten. Store in an airtight mason jar for up to two weeks.

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BYLINDA HAY

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Box Top Fundraiser Successful for Guilford School

BY LISA FORD

Box tops from commonly used household items are collected at Guilford School and are exchanged for money. This is an easy fundraiser that all community members can participate in.

Box Tops for Education is a national fundraiser sponsored by manufacturers of grocery store items. Schools collect box tops from participating manufacturers, mail them to Box Tops for Educa-

tion, and are reimbursed a minimum of ten cents for each top.

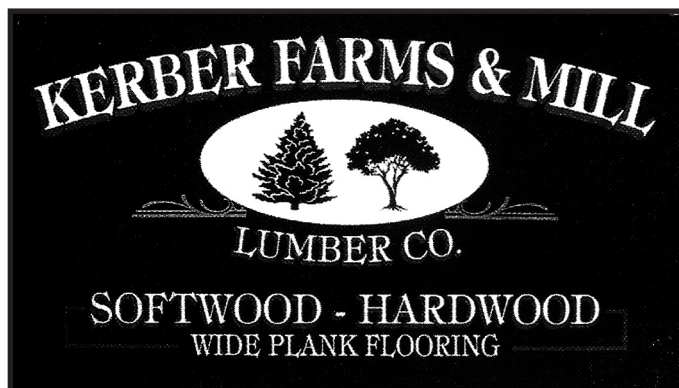
Between the months of September and December 2015, students collected 1,405 box tops. Students Anthony Rayno and Natalie Knutson each brought in over 200 tops and received prizes from the School.

Money earned from box tops helps pay for extras supplies that are not budgeted for, such as snacks, extra supplies for the

school nurse, after school programming etc.

Box tops are collected all year long at Guilford School. Community members are invited to drop off box tops to help support this easy, ongoing fundraiser.

For more information about this fundraiser and to see a list of participating products visit www.boxtops4education.com.



Bolivian Baroque Chamber Music Featured on February 20

BY JOY WALLENS PENFORD

Friends of Music at Guilford's 50th Anniversary Season continues at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, in the sanctuary of Guilford Community Church. Entitled "Barroco Boliviano," the program features chamber music from a Bolivian Baroque archive of works recently brought back to life from nearly 13,000 pages of centuries-old manuscripts. These works were collected bit by bit and put into climate-controlled storage by Fr. Piotr Nawrot, a Polish priest and musicologist working in Bolivia since the early 1990s.

As the collection grew, Fr. Nawrot began editing and publishing a wide variety of the material for a new generation

of instrumentalists and singers to perform for church services, concerts, and music festivals. The renowned British early music ensemble Florilegium was invited to Bolivia to perform at a festival, recorded its first album of Bolivian Baroque in 2005, and has been including this material on their European concert tours, often with a group of native singers.

In 2007, the project was profiled on a CBS Sunday Morning program that Friends of Music administrator Joy Wallens-Penford happened to catch quite by accident. She immediately realized that this treasure trove of newly rediscovered music was just the sort of thing that Friends of Music at Guilford (FOMAG) loves to present. Finding that Florilegium doesn't tour in the States, she eventually inquired about borrowing the music and was given Fr. Nawrot's email to inquire about purchasing some of it.

Fr. Nawrot shipped a mixed carton of music from the collection while he was Stateside in 2011. A plan was eventually hatched by FOMAG's concert planning committee to incorporate some of it into the 2015-16 concert series honoring the organization's 50 years of presenting new and underperformed works for Tri-State audiences.

Bolivian Baroque music for the Christmas season was included in the December holiday concerts at Christ Church. Next up is the Midwinter Musicale in February. FOMAG vice president Pedro Pereira, a Venezuelan cellist who rehearses with two

small groups of early music instrumentalists, asked violinists Peggy Spencer and Michelle Liechti, as well as harpsichordist Gordon Jones, to join him in performing this program.

Plans have expanded to include Brattleboro native and theorbo player Nathaniel Cox and his duo partner Agnes Coakley, soprano, who recently completed early music studies in Europe and are now based in Boston. Rounding out the roster of performers is Rami Martinez, a baritone early music specialist from Mexico City who has been arranging some of the collection for this performance.

The concert on February 20 will be followed by a hearty teatime reception with a warming soup and both savory and sweet options. General admission is \$10 per person, with patron tickets at \$25 and sponsor tickets at \$50 to help underwrite visiting artist honorariums and travel expenses.

The third installment of Bolivian Baroque this season will be on Sunday, May 29, when a concert of chamber music including organ, voice, and various other instruments will be presented at The Organ Barn off Packer Corners Rd. in Guilford. Fr. Piotr Nawrot will be here in person to speak about his musical reclamation project. This event includes a lavish holiday weekend cookout.

For reservations and information, please contact the Friends of Music office at (802) 254-3600 or email office@fomag.org.



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18 PRE-TOWN MEETING

7 PM Broad Brook Grange

19 MOVIE: DISCOVERING THE CONNECTICUT

1 PM Guilford Community Church
sponsored by Guilford Free Library.
Begins following Senior Lunch. No charge.

19 GAME NIGHT

6 PM Leyden Café

20 BARROCO BOLIVIANO

4 PM Guilford Community Church. \$10 per person

MARCH

1 TOWN MEETING

10 AM Guilford Central School

5 SUGAR ON SNOW SUPPER, Broad

Brook Grange. Seatings: 5, 6, 7 pm. \$12 adult; \$5 ages 5-12; \$2 kids 4 & under.
Reservations: 802-257-5359.

18 FILM: VERMONT MEMORIES I

1 PM, Guilford Community Church

sponsored by Guilford Free Library.
Begins following Senior Lunch. No charge.

19 SUGAR ON SNOW SUPPER

Guilford Community Church

APRIL

2 SUGAR ON SNOW SUPPER

Guilford Volunteer Fire Department
\$8 adults, \$5 seniors, \$2 kids

15 FILM: VERMONT MEMORIES II

1 PM Guilford Community Church
sponsored by Guilford Free Library.

17 GHS QUARTERLY MEETING

Program TBA Info: 251-5154

23 GRANGE WORK DAY

9 AM Broad Brook Grange

MAY

7 GREEN UP DAY, 7 am - 1 pm. Get supplies at the Broad Brook Grange.

8 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH, 7

am - 1 pm. Broad Brook Grange. No reservations necessary. \$12-adults;

\$10-seniors, \$5 ages 2-12. Kids under two are free.

20 FILM: VERMONT MEMORIES III

1 PM Guilford Community Church
sponsored by Guilford Free Library.

21 GHS PLANT SALE

Richmond's Auto 10am - 2pm

ONGOING

Tuesdays:

•STORYTIME- 11 AM Library. Cathi Wilken or Laura Lawson Tucker presents a program of songs, fingerplays, books and activities for babies, toddlers and older siblings. No charge. Information: 254-6545

3rd Wednesday of the month:

•TALK ABOUT BOOKS, 6:30 PM, library. Books are available to borrow from the library. No charge.

Every Thursday:

•FOOD PANTRY 5-6 PM.

Broad Brook Grange

Town of Guilford Meeting Schedule

Name of Meeting	Meeting Day(s)	Time	Location	Contact
Selectboard	2nd and 4th Mondays	6:30 PM	Town Office	www.guilfordvt.net
Planning Commission	3rd Thursdays	1:00 PM	Town Office	www.guilfordvt.net
Conservation Commission	3rd Thursdays	5:00 PM	Town Office	www.guilfordvt.net
Cemetery Commission	3rd Thursdays	5:30 PM	Town Office	www.guilfordvt.net
School Board	1st and 3rd Mondays	6:30 PM	School	www.guilfordvt.net
Fire Department Trustees	1st Mondays	6:30 PM	Fire Station	254-4413
Firefighter's Meeting and Drills	Every Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fire Station	254-4413
Fire Department Auxiliary	1st Thursdays	6:30 PM	Fire Station	gfdaux@yahoo.com; 254-4413
Guilford Cares	2nd Wednesdays	5:00 PM	Town Office	gcares@comcast.net
Guilford Pitstoppers	1st Mondays	7:00 PM	GCC	pitstoppers@comcast.net
Library Trustees	3rd Mondays	6:30 PM	Library	guilfordfreelibrary@wordpress.com
Historical Society	TBA	6:30 PM	Town Office	www.guilfordhistorical.org
Broad Brook Grange	1st Thursdays	7:00 PM	Grange Hall	
Guilford Gazette	2nd Wednesdays	5:30 PM	Country Store	gazette@guilfordfree.org

There will be NO PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING in FEBRUARY. The next meeting will be March 17th at 1pm.

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